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PROGRAMS REPORT

WNEM TV5 BAY CITY/FLINT/MIDLAND AND SAGINAW

APRIL 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

OVERVIEW

Based on WNEM TV5's ascertainment of community leaders and from data Gathered from community organizations, then highest ranking problems and needs of the Bay City/Flint/Midland and Saginaw markets are:

- 1. Job Market
- 2. Economy/Budgets
- 3. Crime
- 4. Child Abuse
- 5. School Budgets
- 6. War in Iraq
- 7. Health Concerns
- 8. Drinking/Drugs
- 9. Sex Offenders/Predators
- 10. School/Campus Security/Improvements

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

OVERVIEW

The following is the quarterly "Issues and Programs" Report placed in the public file of WNEM April 10, 2007. The report covers the period from April 1 through June 30, 2007. The report is based on ten significant problems and needs determined by WNEM's community ascertainments. Below each problem/need is a brief description of some news segments broadcast during the quarter designed to call attention to, or address, the problem or need.

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April 1 through June 30, 2007

ISSUE/TITLE/SOURCE	PROGRAM/TYPE	DATE/DURATION		
1. Job Market				
11PM LOC/NEWS 4/6/07 1:20 The current superintendent of Flint Community Schools, Water Milton was recently offered a job to oversee Springfield Schools in Illinois. The Flint School Board scheduled a meeting to discuss this topic, but it was cancelled this morning. Springfield hopes to have Milton start in their district the first of August, 2007.				
NOON LOC/NEWS 4/6/07 :15 Martinrea International, Inc., located in Clare County, is scheduled to shut its doors today. The company builds parts for Ford Automotive, and began transferring its 139 employees last month.				
WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 4/7/07 :22 The Michigan State Troopers Union will give the State of Michigan nearly \$400,000 to keep 29 troopers on the job. The layoffs were part of a plan to bridge the state's \$600 million budget shortfall, and would have been the first of their kind in more than 25 years.				
WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 4/16/07:24 General Motors has announced it will hold a Career Fair next month, and will be an invitation only event. GM is reportedly looking for "highly specialized" engineers Who would work in the Powertrain Division for their On-Star product.				
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11PM LOC/NEWS 5/6/07 :18

Three weeks ago, General Motors announced it needed roughly 400 skilled workers. The company has received about 700,000 applications for those positions. The jobs are in fields like hybrid and diesel Powertrain engineering and software controls. Approximately 600 finalists were invited to a career fair at an undisclosed location.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/14/07 1:00

Bay City's Manager, Robert Belleman has proposed eliminated four firefighters and eight police positions to trim a \$1.2 million budget deficit. The Fire Department's Union President is against the proposal with residents feeling the same way. The City Manager was unavailable for comment.

11PM LOC/NEWS 6/18/07 :14

More than five dozen jobs will likely be coming to Kalamazoo. Pfizer is consolidating its animal health global research operations, with jobs being moved from England.

NOON LOC/NEWS 6/27/07 :19

VG's Food Center and Pharmacy will start taking applications for about 150 positions this week at its new store in Fenton. VG's is taking over both the Fenton Farmer Jack's and the one in Shelby Township.

5PM LOC/NEWS 6/29/07 1:35

About 20 months of uncertainty is finally over for Delphi workers here in mid-Michigan with the approval of the contract between Union workers and Delphi. Workers at Delphi East had heard the rumors their plant was closing, but this new contract will ensure work until the year 2015. It will also keep work at Delphi Steering for another eight years, and now clear the way for a potential sale of the complex.

2. Economy/City Budgets

NOON LOC/NEWS 4/2/07 1:25

The State of Michigan is facing an estimated budget deficit of about \$680 million this fiscal year. Governor Granholm wants a plan on her desk that she can approve by June 1. She wants it to deal with both this fiscal year and the one that begins October 1.

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/2/07 1:16

City of Saginaw officials are searching to fill a surprise shortfall in the 2007 budget. The City found out last week the State was pulling \$242,000 in aid. Council members met today to start exploring their options, with no final resolution at this time.

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11PM LOC/NEWS 4/23/07 :23

A recent national report suggests Michigan's budget problems are among the worst in the nation. Michigan is one of relatively few states where revenues coming into the government for this fiscal year are below recent official forecasts.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 4/26/07 :27

Fenton city officials hope to avoid layoffs and water rate increases and still cut thousands of dollars from the budget as the City Manger predicts a \$6 million shortfall for the first time. Officials plan on cutting services like street patching, mosquito control and replacing a fire engine.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 5/1/07 :29

Governor Granholm sent letters to public schools yesterday, telling them to expect to lose \$125 per child if the legislature doesn't act soon to close the budget deficit. The cuts would take effect in 30 days unless the lawmakers come up with another plan. There could also be drastic cuts for Medicaid patients.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/13/07 1:03

Bay City faces a serious budget crunch, and one way they could fix that is to lay off some City firefighters. In less than 24 hours, a decision will be made whether or not to lay off Four firefighters and eliminate eight police positions. Our reporter has reaction from the President of the firefighter's union and City Hall.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 5/15/07 :23

According to Republican Majority Leader, Mike Bishop, a deal could be in the works to balance the State's budget. This would mean instead of cutting school funding \$125 per student, the cut in funding would be only \$36 per student. House Democrats and Governor Granholm, however, claim they're not any closer to reaching a deal with the Republicans.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/25/07 :24

A deal was reached yesterday between Governor Granholm and the Lansing legislature calling for delayed payments to community colleges and universities. This means there will be no new taxes and public schools will avoid the budget reduction quota per student for now. There will also be no cuts to Medicaid.

5PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07 (archived) :24

The Burton City County has compromised on the Police budget. The Council was planning to cut \$240,000 of a millage approved by voters last year. The compromise is that only \$140,000 will be cut from the original \$700,000. The general police fund totals \$3.4 million and is expected to be approved June 18.

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11PM

LOC/NEWS

6/2207 (archived) :21

Flint's new budget is approved. It passed this evening by City Council increasing the General Fund to more than \$74 million and includes money for 25 more police officers and upgrades the 9-1-1 system. It also calls for some mayoral aids to be cut.

6PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07 (archived) :14

Flint Mayor Don William has vetoed the budget passed by City Council members this week. The proposed budget would have funded 25 more police officers, but only left \$225,000 in the "rainy day fund". The mayor's budget would leave \$4 million for emergencies. The council has until Friday to override the Mayor's veto, and will need six votes to do so.

3. Crime

11PM

LOC/NEWS

4/3/07

:20

Mt. Pleasant police say a man has been walking into homes in the student housing section of the city, and stealing electronics and cast. If confronted, he calmly says he was looking for someone he thought lived there, apologizes for the mistake, and leaves. Police are asking for any information on this suspect.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

4/11/07

:17

The Ann Arbor's "Hands On Science Museum" is bringing its crime lab to the McFarlen Library tomorrow in Grand Blanc. It hopes to get teens involved, and recommends you register early.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

4/18/07

1:19

A shooting victim with a bloody leg wound, crawled up the steps of a Clark Street home, and waited for an ambulance to arrive. Despite the gun crime, violence in Saginaw is actually down. Statistics show between January and April this year, shootings decreased by 41 percent. The Saginaw Police Chief attributes this to increased police presence.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

4/19/07

1:18

Police in Davison Township, Genesee County, say a mysterious man has been approaching young children on their way home from school. The suspicious man recently approached a girl just stepping off her school bus, urging her to help him find a lost dog. The suspect is described as a male in his thirties, with a goatee. He may be connected to incidents in two other communities.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

5/1/07

2:07

For Saginaw residents, knowing a victim of gun crime is very common. Of the 22 shootings tracked so far this year, most are on the city's east side. In Flint, the homicide rate is already up to 14, happening in various locations. One resident says he hears bullets every day, and would like to see the city head in a more positive direction.

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11PM LOC/NEWS 5/22/07 2:20

Burnt vacant homes leave Mid-Michigan residents in Saginaw feeling vulnerable. Camisha Simpson lives with her six children in between two abandoned homes which had been torched by arsonists. Saginaw's arson calls are increasing each month with TV5's I-Team plotting the most recent available statistics.

5PM LOC/NEWS 5/24/07 1:27

Fighting crime in Saginaw can definitely pay. Some of the top overtime money-makers in the city include police officers pulling more than \$14,000 in overtime. The City hopes a shift in officer hours will help cut the OT. Mechanics working on the city's vehicles also accrue a lot of overtime, such as one man who was paid more than \$22,000 in OT. Saginaw residents were asked to comment on the overtime issue.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/3/07 1:20

Repeated burglaries at a mid-Michigan business have its owner at the end of his rope. This business has been targeted by thieves more than a dozen times in the last six months.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived):20

Flint Township police are helping residents feel more secure in their community. They've launched a website that gives crime advisories, alerts and updates about criminal activity in the area. It's a first of its kind in Michigan, but appears to be a growing trend.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) :21

Bridgeport Township police continue warning people to be on the look-out for a man who's going door-to-door. They say he's claiming his car has broken down, and asks for money. The man has swindled at least four homeowners in the past two weeks.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) :16

According to an FBI's Uniform Crime Report, violent crime in Flint shot up more than 13 percent last year. Violent crimes in Detroit rose slightly, while Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor and Lansing all reported decreases.

4. Child Abuse

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 4/3/07 :23

A Fenton mother and her boyfriend will go on trial accused of severe child abuse. They dropped the woman's 2-year-old daughter off at a hospital last year with severe burns and other injuries, claiming she fell out of bed. Later the pair changed their story and are currently jailed. The little girl is recovering.

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6PM LOC/NEWS 4/10/07 :58

A man who was recently discharged from the Air Force is now facing child porn allegations. Robert Reichle, from Wheeler, faces charges of possessing child sexually abusive materials and accosting a child for immoral purposes. A hearing will be conducted to determine if there is enough evidence for Reichle to stand trial.

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/12/07 1:15

Saginaw Police are searching for a man they say brutally raped a young girl. Deonte Davis is wanted for nine counts of felony criminal sexual conduct with a minor, and is already a registered sex offender. Police are asking for the public's help.

NOON LOC/NEWS 4/17/07 :14

A local man from Swartz Creek, with more than 850,000 sexually-explicit pictures of children stored on his computer, has pleaded guilty to child porn charges.

WEEKEND WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 5/5/07 1:30

A Hamtramck woman is accused of making arrangements to have her 7-year-old daughter photographed and sexually abused by a Saginaw man. It appears the local man was also making arrangements to have sex with all three of her children, ages 11, 7 and 6.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/12/07 :16

A former teacher and soccer coach faces charges for allegedly having phone sex with a 14-year-old Minnesota girl. The man was arraigned in Rochester Hills and is being held on a \$100,000 bond.

NOON LOC/NEWS 5/17/07 :17

A Huron County man accused of killing his girlfriend's little boy will stand trial. A judge has decided there is enough evidence in the case where the toddler died of blunt force trauma to the abdomen.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:33

The FBI arrested a man working at Bay Regional Medical Center, accusing him of child pornography from when he lived in Iowa nearly 3 years ago. The man faces 4 counts of distributing and receiving pictures of minors in sexual activities. Officials say his current job had him working with people in compromising positions.

11PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:25

A mother says she confronted a man who slipped into her home and raped her 11-year-old daughter. The man then attacked the mother, who forced her to watch him rape her daughter again. Deonte Davis's face will soon be aired on an episode of "America's Most Wanted" thanks to a Saginaw detective who wouldn't give up and approached them seeking their assistance. His face will also be shown on their website.

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11PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived):17

A former Standish Boy Scout leader is facing child abuse charges, after allegedly injuring three boys during an overnight trip. Prosecutors say he kicked one boy, breaking his leg, and scalded another child with hot water.

6PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) 1:15

A Genesee County special deputy faces a variety of charges, including 11 counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, and two counts of kidnapping and impersonating a police officer. The Sheriff is angry that the man used his position as a voluntary special deputy to gain the trust of the girl's mother, then had sex with the 14 and 13-year-old minors. Sheriff Pickell is now looking closely at just who to accept into the special deputy program.

5. School Budgets

530PM

LOC/NEWS

4/23/07

1:36

Midland Public Schools are looking at a budget deficit of more than \$5 million, with the problem being that 90 percent of costs are personnel. Outsourcing is being contemplated by the board, with employees not happy with the possible layoffs. Officials continue to look at various solutions to the problem.

WAKEUP

LOC/NEWS

5/17/07

:16

The Flint Board of Education has voted unanimously to cut 45 paraprofessionals. Most of these employees work with bi-lingual students, assisting teachers in the classroom.

530PM

LOC/NEWS

5/23/07

1:09

The Chesaning public schools are trying to solve a nearly \$1.5 million deficit. Solutions include layoffs, and having parents pay more for school activities.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

5/27/07

:28

A new state budget proposal does not increase taxes, but it could mean double digit increases in college tuition. Under the tentative agreement, the State would delay payments to Michigan's 15 public universities, which could save \$165 million.

NOON

LOC/NEWS

5/31/07

:12

Flint teachers have approved a new contract for the next school year. It includes all the benefits of their previous contract, plus a one percent raise. The contract still needs to be ratified by the Board of Education.

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530PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) 1:15

The Merrill School District ended the year with an extra \$100,000. They are spending it on two additional teacher positions, a day car, an alternative ed project and computer updates totaling \$60,000.

5PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) 1:19

The Saginaw Public Schools have announced more layoffs for teachers and support staff, which includes 15 teachers, 10 secretaries, 10 support group educators and 15 custodians. One of the reasons is there are about 600 less students expected to return at the start of the next school year.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) :59

Midland Public School leaders say the district plans to cut 140 full time employees through either retirement, resignations going unfilled, or outsourcing of the custodial and food service departments. No one protested the cuts at the recent meeting, and school Board members are expected to approve the budget on June 25.

530PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) :14

Carrollton Schools will save money, without outsourcing its Maintenance Department. Instead Carrollton employees will take a pay freeze. The move is expected to save the District \$182,000.

5PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) :14

The Linden School Board met last night looking for ways to erase a projected budget deficit of \$684,000. The district may increase the cost of athletic fees, and cut back on administrative costs.

6. War in Iraq

530PM

NAT/NEWS

4/3/07

:30

Democrats in Congress pushed through the \$96 billion war spending bill, but included a deadline for troops to come home. President Bush is sticking with his promise of a veto and is warning lawmakers there will be consequences. As the fight over funding continues, there are new signs that the U.S. military is stretched thin. Army units are being sent back to Iraq this summer without giving them a year at home to rest.

NOON

NAT/NEWS

4/8/07

:24

Fallen troops overseas will come back to the U.S. on charter jets and be met with honor guards in white gloves. The change comes after the father of a fallen soldier complained about his son potentially being unloaded like ordinary luggage. A Michigan company based in Ypsilanti, has won the Pentagon contract to bring the fallen soldiers home.

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NOON LOC/NEWS 4/12/07 :23

The Meijer store, in Midland, is paying a special tribute to a fallen soldier who used to work there. The store has set up an area for shoppers and former co-workers to sign a special card for the soldier's family. The tribute will be available until next week, when The soldier's body is brought back home for services.

530PM NAT/NEWS 4/26/07 1:30

The Senate has passed the controversial war funding bill that calls for U.S. troops to start heading home from Iraq in October. However, President Bush has vowed to veto the \$124 billion bill and most Republicans are backing him up. The President's top commander in the war says progress is being made, but that the war is going to get harder before it gets easier.

NOON LOC/NEWS 5/4/07 1;15

Today, a community has come together to show support for a Mid-Michigan hero. Army Private Garrett Knoll of Huron County's Verona Township, was killed last month by a truck bomber near Baghdad. Funeral services are being held today in Bad Axe, With a show of support by those who knew him and his family.

6PM LOC/NEWS 5/16/07 1:15

Right now St. Charles Community Schools are paying tribute to several of their recent graduates who have gone on to serve in the armed forces. School officials are holding a rally to recognize local servicemen currently overseas. Donations are being accepted to help the families of wounded personnel.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/28/07 1:20

Hundreds here in Mid- Michigan came out to the Catholic church in Standish, to honor a local fallen soldier. He is 22-year-old Army Sergeant Justin Wisniewski, who was killed in Baghdad while out searching for three missing American soldiers. At his family's request, more than 150 of the Patriot Guard Riders came out today to pay their respects as well.

11PM NAT/NEWS 6/2/07 1:58

Funded and opened by politicians loyal to radical cleric Moqtada Al Sadr, a school in Iraq focuses specifically on Iraqi children who have lost one or both of their parents. The Arabic teachers double as social workers, and use different teaching methods to match their psychology. The children are being educated in a school which is, by its nature, anti-American.

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WAKEUP NAT/NEWS 6/22/07(archived)1:41

Going to the market can mean life or death for ordinary Iraqis. Car bombs have killed thousands and with the surge of U.S. forces now complete, the top American commander in Iraq says the first big mission is to stop the slaughter. The U.S. Ambassador says progress has been frustratingly slow.

11PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:30

Soldiers re-enlist in the Army every day. But Private First Class Daniel Weber of Frankenmuth, signed up for another six years the day he was injured. Weber is expected to recover from his injuries, the explosion did leave a scar—a reminder to his parents of how dangerous his job is.

11PM NAT/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 2:18

Hundreds of Palestinian refugees took part in a funeral procession in a Northern Lebanon Refugee camp for two men who were shot dead by government soldiers while trying to march home. This was the first major trouble between Palestinians and Lebanese troops since last month.

7. Health Concerns

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/1/07 :23

Tomorrow is "Smoke-free Genesee County Day". It is to help raise awareness of the dangerous health effects of smoking and second hand smoke. Several restaurants will make their establishments smoke free all day long.

WAKEUP NAT/NEWS 4/9/07 1:06

Going to the dentist has never been so relaxing. The royal treatment is part of a trend at dental offices around the country. About 50 percent of dentists offer some amenities just to make patients feel a little bit more comfortable and at ease. However, if the dental care is not good, then all of these other things can really just serve as bells and whistles.

6PM LOC/NEWS 4/16/07 :19

The Senate will consider a bill authorizing the government to negotiate drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries. Participants in Medicare drug plans now rely on their insurers to conduct those negotiations.

6PM LOC/NEWS 5/9/07 3:40

According to sleepdeprivation.com, nearly 50 percent of American adults lack the sleep they need leading to exhaustion, fatigue, memory loss and changes in mood. When it comes to sleep or sex, couples have to figure out in their relationship what's the right balance for them.

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NOON LOC/NEWS 5/22/07 1:33

The Saginaw Family Health Center can assist in finding ways to get coverage and low cost drugs for those without health insurance, those who are under insured and those who can't afford prescription drugs.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 5/23/07 :25

The Grand Blanc School District is thinking about going nut-free. In a move to protect students with nut allergies, district officials are considering restricting what is served in the cafeteria. The new regulations could go into effect this fall, if approved by the Board.

NOON LOC/NEWS 6/5/07 :13

In Saginaw County, the Health Department is launching a campaign to expand health insurance coverage to the more than 30,000 uninsured Saginaw County residents. A rally is being held today to kick off the final month of the campaign.

11PM LOC/NEWS 6/15/07 1:15

Senator John Edwards toured a Detroit health center today, proposing a universal health care plan. One of the main components requires insurers to spent at least 85 percent of their premiums on patient care. Senator Edwards was also proposing that the U.S. move to electronic medical recordkeeping, and safe re-importation of portable prescription drugs from Canada.

5PM LOC/NEWS 6/27/07 1:18

Midland Public Schools will have fewer teachers in the fall due to budget cuts, but there will be a \$1 million savings in health care. This adds cushion for next year, but officials say there have been adjustments.

8. Drinking/Drugs

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/3/07 :18

Bay County Sheriff deputies were called to a house in Bangor Township this past weekend, where 16 people were charged with underage drinking. No adults were present, and one youth was ticketed for allowing underage people to drink in his home.

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/5/07 :25

A Michigan doctor is accused of sexually assaulting and dealing drugs to some of his patients. This past year the doctor assaulted four adult patients. Prosecutors say he offered prescription drugs to his accusers and now faces more than a dozen charges.

NOON NAT/NEWS 4/25/07 :21

Women with a drinking problem may show signs differently than men, making their alcohol abuse harder to detect. Researchers found men reported problems like bingeing or getting into fights, while women felt depressed or guilty about their drinking.

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NOON LOC/NEWS 5/2/07 :22

The Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team arrested students at Central Michigan University, for having drugs in dorm rooms at Thorp and Cobb Halls. Officers seized marijuana, scales, paraphernalia, ecstasy pills and cash. Three teens were jailed.

NOON NAT/NEWS 5/7/07 :22

Today the Senate votes on whether to allow lower-priced prescription drugs to be imported from Canada and more than 30 other countries.

6PM NAT/NEWS 5/29/07 :20

Teenagers with extra money may be using it for alcohol. A new study of 15 and 16-year-olds, found that teens with larger allowances were more likely to drink frequently. They were also more likely to binge drink.

NOON LOC/NEWS 5/31/07 :20

Postal officials in Oakland County raided a mail-order drug house. They say prescriptions and other drugs were made in a laboratory in the basement. Hazmat crews were brought in to contain the dangerous chemicals used at the home drug factory.

NOON NAT/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) :15

A new study finds people who had three or more drinks a week showed a 50 percent drop in the risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis. Scientists believe the alcohol suppresses the immune system and slows the inflammatory process behind the condition.

11PM NAT/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:08

Expired drugs, whether prescription or over-the-counter, can be bad for your health. They either degrade and become more harmful, or degrade and become less effective. The moisture in a bathroom, or steam from a kitchen stove can cause drugs to degrade, along with exposure to sunlight or extreme temperature changes.

11PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) :21

Legislation passed by the State House would toughen the laws on alcohol consumption for boat operators. The bill would lower the legal threshold for operating watercraft while intoxicated. The bill now goes to the Senate.

9. Sex Offenders/Predators

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/12/07 1:15

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11PM LOC/NEWS 4/20/07 :22

A Detroit police officers has been suspended for allegedly forcing two couples to perform sex acts while he masturbated outside their car. The officer has not bet been charged with a crime.

6PM LOC/NEWS 4/24/07 :30

Two men face charges for allegedly having sex with under aged girls at a Bay City motel. The men met the girls on line. Both men are being held on \$100,000 bonds.

WEEKEND WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 5/5/07 :32

A Texas man went before a Novi judge for sex charges involving a teen he met on MySpace. The man was arrested inside a motel with a 14-year-old girl, earlier this week. Investigators say the man brainwashed the teen, and she feels she is in love with him. He is being held on a one and a half million dollar bond.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/12/07 :16

A former teacher and soccer coach faces charges for allegedly having phone sex with a 14-year-old Minnesota girl. The man was arraigned in Rochester Hills with bond being set at \$100,000.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:20

An Auburn mother changed the profile on her daughter's posting on a music sharing site called BearShare. BearShare is a software program marketed to teens for downloading free music. The mother found inappropriate remarks and questions posted to her daughter, and changed her profile to read "This is my mom's computer, and if you call or write anything inappropriate, she'll call the police." Mom is now working with the FBI to catch men who solicit underage teens.

5PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:32

Flint police are investigating allegations that a teacher had sexual relations with a teenage student. The woman is a long-term substitute teacher at Flint Northern Academy and has now been placed on administrative leave. The alleged incident happened with a 16-year-old student, who's parents called police after the teen kept receiving text messages on his cell phone.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:15

A Burton man faces a variety of charges, including 11 counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree and 2 counts of kidnapping and impersonating a police officer. The Genesee County Sheriff is angry that the man used his position as a voluntary special deputy to gain the trust of the girl's mother, then had sex with two sisters, ages 14 and 13. As a result, Sheriff Pickell is looking very closely at who to accept into the special deputy program.

10. School/Campus Security/Improvements

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/10/07 :23

The Ithaca School Board spent about \$15,000 on door access control systems and Camera phones for North and South Elementary Schools, and the High School/Middle School complex. The doors require a swipe card instead of keys and can be programmed to lock and unlock at certain times.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 4/17/07 :24

The University of Michigan – Flint says it takes security and safety seriously. The campus has several call boxes that immediately put the caller in contact with a campus police officer in case of an emergency. The school's safety procedures can be viewed on their website.

6PM LOC/NEWS 4/25/07 1:15

Some parents are not happy with the layoffs being proposed by Midland officials. The district says falling enrollment and less money from the state is the one-two combination that determined letting 21 teachers go and reducing the duties of 9 other teachers. The school board will make a final decision in mid-May at their next board meeting.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/17/07 :52

Bay City Public Schools will give teachers a raise, even though other districts, like Flint and Midland have been passing out pink slips. The half-percent raise means another year of stability for teachers, who did not receive one last year, according to the president of the Education Association. There will also be no change in teacher insurance benefits.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/22/07 1:33

Linden school leaders announce there will soon be 28 new cameras installed at Linden High School. The middle school, next door already has the cameras, says the principal of the facility and they have already helped solve situations that have arisen. Students at more schools can expect to be under such surveillance in the future.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived):16

Police are offering a reward for information to the conviction of the vandals who damaged Mt. Pleasant High School. The estimated cost of the damage is more than \$33,000. Vandals let loose hundreds of crickets, sprayed expandable foam and littered food in the halls Monday morning.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) :20

Crews are cleaning up at Carrollton High School in Saginaw County. Vandals struck overnight spray painting the south side of the building. No word on the cost of the damage.

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6PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) :26

A Flushing Middle School teacher, charged with bugging another teacher's classroom, will report for arraignment. Police say the teacher planted a wireless listening device on the back of a chair in another teacher's classroom when her daughter complained of problems with that teacher.

6PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) :18

The man accused of wandering the halls of local schools looking for money has been sentenced to 18 months in prison. He will also have to repay Lapeer County the \$1,500 t cost to extradite him back from Florida. The man admits to breaking into more than 50 schools in 4 counties.

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WNEM-DT BAY CITY/FLINT/MIDLAND AND SAGINAW

APRIL 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

OVERVIEW

Based on WNEM TV5's ascertainment of community leaders and from data gathered from community organizations, the ten highest ranking problems and needs of the Bay City/Flint/Midland and Saginaw markets are:

- 1. Job Market
- 2. Economy/Budgets
- 3. Crime
- 4. Child Abuse
- 5. School Budgets
- 6. War in Iraq
- 7. Health Concerns
- 8. Drinking/Drugs
- 9. Sex Offenders/Predators
- 10. School/Campus Security/Improvements

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

OVERVIEW

The following is the quarterly "Issues and Programs" Report placed in the public file of WNEM July 10, 2007. The report covers the period from April 1 through June 30, 2007. The report is based on ten significant problems and needs determined by WNEM's community ascertainments. Below each problem/need is a brief description of some news segments broadcast during the quarter designed to call attention to, or address, the problem or need.

WNEM TV5 BAY CITY/FLINT/MIDLAND AND SAGINAW

April 1 through June 30, 2007

ISSUE/TITLE/SOURCE	PROGRAM/TYPE	DATE/DURATION		
1. Job Market				
11PM LOC/NEWS 4/6/07 1:20 The current superintendent of Flint Community Schools, Water Milton was recently offered a job to oversee Springfield Schools in Illinois. The Flint School Board scheduled a meeting to discuss this topic, but it was cancelled this morning. Springfield hopes to have Milton start in their district the first of August, 2007.				
NOON LOC/NEWS 4/6/07 :15 Martinrea International, Inc., located in Clare County, is scheduled to shut its doors today. The company builds parts for Ford Automotive, and began transferring its 139 employees last month.				
WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 4/7/07 :22 The Michigan State Troopers Union will give the State of Michigan nearly \$400,000 to keep 29 troopers on the job. The layoffs were part of a plan to bridge the state's \$600 million budget shortfall, and would have been the first of their kind in more than 25 years.				
WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 4/16/07:24 General Motors has announced it will hold a Career Fair next month, and will be an invitation only event. GM is reportedly looking for "highly specialized" engineers who would work in the Powertrain Division for their On-Star product.				
NOON Hundreds of jobs are coming to Mi for the announcement of an investre Semi-Conductor.				

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11PM LOC/NEWS 5/6/07 :18

Three weeks ago, General Motors announced it needed roughly 400 skilled workers. The company has received about 700,000 applications for those positions. The jobs are in fields like hybrid and diesel Powertrain engineering and software controls. Approximately 600 finalists were invited to a career fair at an undisclosed location.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/14/07 1:00

Bay City's Manager, Robert Belleman has proposed eliminated four firefighters and eight police positions to trim a \$1.2 million budget deficit. The Fire Department's Union President is against the proposal with residents feeling the same way. The City Manager was unavailable for comment.

11PM LOC/NEWS 6/18/07 :14

More than five dozen jobs will likely be coming to Kalamazoo. Pfizer is consolidating its animal health global research operations, with jobs being moved from England.

NOON LOC/NEWS 6/27/07 :19

VG's Food Center and Pharmacy will start taking applications for about 150 positions this week at its new store in Fenton. VG's is taking over both the Fenton Farmer Jack's and the one in Shelby Township.

5PM LOC/NEWS 6/29/07 1:35

About 20 months of uncertainty is finally over for Delphi workers here in mid-Michigan with the approval of the contract between Union workers and Delphi. Workers at Delphi East had heard the rumors their plant was closing, but this new contract will ensure work until the year 2015. It will also keep work at Delphi Steering for another eight years, and now clear the way for a potential sale of the complex.

2. Economy/City Budgets

NOON LOC/NEWS 4/2/07 1:25

The State of Michigan is facing an estimated budget deficit of about \$680 million this fiscal year. Governor Granholm wants a plan on her desk that she can approve by June 1. She wants it to deal with both this fiscal year and the one that begins October 1.

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/2/07 1:16

City of Saginaw officials are searching to fill a surprise shortfall in the 2007 budget. The City found out last week the State was pulling \$242,000 in aid. Council members met today to start exploring their options, with no final resolution at this time.

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11PM LOC/NEWS 4/23/07 :23

A recent national report suggests Michigan's budget problems are among the worst in the nation. Michigan is one of relatively few states where revenues coming into the government for this fiscal year are below recent official forecasts.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 4/26/07 :27

Fenton city officials hope to avoid layoffs and water rate increases and still cut thousands of dollars from the budget as the City Manger predicts a \$6 million shortfall for the first time. Officials plan on cutting services like street patching, mosquito control and replacing a fire engine.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 5/1/07 :29

Governor Granholm sent letters to public schools yesterday, telling them to expect to lose \$125 per child if the legislature doesn't act soon to close the budget deficit. The cuts would take effect in 30 days unless the lawmakers come up with another plan. There could also be drastic cuts for Medicaid patients.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/13/07 1:03

Bay City faces a serious budget crunch, and one way they could fix that is to lay off some City firefighters. In less than 24 hours, a decision will be made whether or not to lay off Four firefighters and eliminate eight police positions. Our reporter has reaction from the President of the firefighter's union and City Hall.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 5/15/07 :23

According to Republican Majority Leader, Mike Bishop, a deal could be in the works to balance the State's budget. This would mean instead of cutting school funding \$125 per student, the cut in funding would be only \$36 per student. House Democrats and Governor Granholm, however, claim they're not any closer to reaching a deal with the Republicans.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/25/07 :24

A deal was reached yesterday between Governor Granholm and the Lansing legislature calling for delayed payments to community colleges and universities. This means there will be no new taxes and public schools will avoid the budget reduction quota per student for now. There will also be no cuts to Medicaid.

5PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07 (archived) :24

The Burton City County has compromised on the Police budget. The Council was planning to cut \$240,000 of a millage approved by voters last year. The compromise is that only \$140,000 will be cut from the original \$700,000. The general police fund totals \$3.4 million and is expected to be approved June 18.

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11PM

LOC/NEWS

6/2207 (archived) :21

Flint's new budget is approved. It passed this evening by City Council increasing the General Fund to more than \$74 million and includes money for 25 more police officers and upgrades the 9-1-1 system. It also calls for some mayoral aids to be cut.

6PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07 (archived) :14

Flint Mayor Don William has vetoed the budget passed by City Council members this week. The proposed budget would have funded 25 more police officers, but only left \$225,000 in the "rainy day fund". The mayor's budget would leave \$4 million for emergencies. The council has until Friday to override the Mayor's veto, and will need six votes to do so.

3. Crime

11PM

LOC/NEWS

4/3/07

:20

Mt. Pleasant police say a man has been walking into homes in the student housing section of the city, and stealing electronics and cast. If confronted, he calmly says he was looking for someone he thought lived there, apologizes for the mistake, and leaves. Police are asking for any information on this suspect.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

4/11/07

:17

The Ann Arbor's "Hands On Science Museum" is bringing its crime lab to the McFarlen Library tomorrow in Grand Blanc. It hopes to get teens involved, and recommends you register early.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

4/18/07

1:19

A shooting victim with a bloody leg wound, crawled up the steps of a Clark Street home, and waited for an ambulance to arrive. Despite the gun crime, violence in Saginaw is actually down. Statistics show between January and April this year, shootings decreased by 41 percent. The Saginaw Police Chief attributes this to increased police presence.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

4/19/07

1:18

Police in Davison Township, Genesee County, say a mysterious man has been approaching young children on their way home from school. The suspicious man recently approached a girl just stepping off her school bus, urging her to help him find a lost dog. The suspect is described as a male in his thirties, with a goatee. He may be connected to incidents in two other communities.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

5/1/07

2:07

For Saginaw residents, knowing a victim of gun crime is very common. Of the 22 shootings tracked so far this year, most are on the city's east side. In Flint, the homicide rate is already up to 14, happening in various locations. One resident says he hears bullets every day, and would like to see the city head in a more positive direction.\

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11PM LOC/NEWS 5/22/07 2:20

Burnt vacant homes leave Mid-Michigan residents in Saginaw feeling vulnerable. Camisha Simpson lives with her six children in between two abandoned homes which had been torched by arsonists. Saginaw's arson calls are increasing each month with TV5's I-Team plotting the most recent available statistics.

5PM LOC/NEWS 5/24/07 1:27

Fighting crime in Saginaw can definitely pay. Some of the top overtime money-makers in the city include police officers pulling more than \$14,000 in overtime. The City hopes a shift in officer hours will help cut the OT. Mechanics working on the city's vehicles also accrue a lot of overtime, such as one man who was paid more than \$22,000 in OT. Saginaw residents were asked to comment on the overtime issue.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/3/07 1:20

Repeated burglaries at a mid-Michigan business have its owner at the end of his rope. This business has been targeted by thieves more than a dozen times in the last six months.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived):20

Flint Township police are helping residents feel more secure in their community. They've launched a website that gives crime advisories, alerts and updates about criminal activity in the area. It's a first of its kind in Michigan, but appears to be a growing trend.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) :21

Bridgeport Township police continue warning people to be on the look-out for a man who's going door-to-door. They say he's claiming his car has broken down, and asks for money. The man has swindled at least four homeowners in the past two weeks.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived):16 According to an FBI's Uniform Crime Report, violent crime in Flint shot up more than 13 percent last year. Violent crimes in Detroit rose slightly, while Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor and Lansing all reported decreases.

4. Child Abuse

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 4/3/07 :23

A Fenton mother and her boyfriend will go on trial accused of severe child abuse. They dropped the woman's 2-year-old daughter off at a hospital last year with severe burns and other injuries, claiming she fell out of bed. Later the pair changed their story and are currently jailed. The little girl is recovering.

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6PM LOC/NEWS 4/10/07 :58

A man who was recently discharged from the Air Force is now facing child porn allegations. Robert Reichle, from Wheeler, faces charges of possessing child sexually abusive materials and accosting a child for immoral purposes. A hearing will be conducted to determine if there is enough evidence for Reichle to stand trial.

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/12/07 1:15

Saginaw Police are searching for a man they say brutally raped a young girl. Deonte Davis is wanted for nine counts of felony criminal sexual conduct with a minor, and is already a registered sex offender. Police are asking for the public's help.

NOON LOC/NEWS 4/17/07 :14

A local man from Swartz Creek, with more than 850,000 sexually-explicit pictures of children stored on his computer, has pleaded guilty to child porn charges.

WEEKEND WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 5/5/07 1:30

A Hamtramck woman is accused of making arrangements to have her 7-year-old daughter photographed and sexually abused by a Saginaw man. It appears the local man was also making arrangements to have sex with all three of her children, ages 11, 7 and 6.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/12/07 :16

A former teacher and soccer coach faces charges for allegedly having phone sex with a 14-year-old Minnesota girl. The man was arraigned in Rochester Hills and is being held on a \$100,000 bond.

NOON LOC/NEWS 5/17/07 :17

A Huron County man accused of killing his girlfriend's little boy will stand trial. A judge has decided there is enough evidence in the case where the toddler died of blunt force trauma to the abdomen.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:33

The FBI arrested a man working at Bay Regional Medical Center, accusing him of child pornography from when he lived in Iowa nearly 3 years ago. The man faces 4 counts of distributing and receiving pictures of minors in sexual activities. Officials say his current job had him working with people in compromising positions.

11PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:25

A mother says she confronted a man who slipped into her home and raped her 11-year-old daughter. The man then attacked the mother, who forced her to watch him rape her daughter again. Deonte Davis's face will soon be aired on an episode of "America's Most Wanted" thanks to a Saginaw detective who wouldn't give up and approached them seeking their assistance. His face will also be shown on their website.

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11PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) :17

A former Standish Boy Scout leader is facing child abuse charges, after allegedly injuring three boys during an overnight trip. Prosecutors say he kicked one boy, breaking his leg, and scalded another child with hot water.

6PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) 1:15

A Genesee County special deputy faces a variety of charges, including 11 counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, and two counts of kidnapping and impersonating a police officer. The Sheriff is angry that the man used his position as a voluntary special deputy to gain the trust of the girl's mother, then had sex with the 14 and 13-year-old minors. Sheriff Pickell is now looking closely at just who to accept into the special deputy program.

5. School Budgets

530PM

LOC/NEWS

4/23/07

1:36

Midland Public Schools are looking at a budget deficit of more than \$5 million, with the problem being that 90 percent of costs are personnel. Outsourcing is being contemplated by the board, with employees not happy with the possible layoffs. Officials continue to look at various solutions to the problem.

WAKEUP

LOC/NEWS

5/17/07

:16

The Flint Board of Education has voted unanimously to cut 45 paraprofessionals. Most of these employees work with bi-lingual students, assisting teachers in the classroom.

530PM

LOC/NEWS

5/23/07

1:09

The Chesaning public schools are trying to solve a nearly \$1.5 million deficit. Solutions include layoffs, and having parents pay more for school activities.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

5/27/07

:28

A new state budget proposal does not increase taxes, but it could mean double digit increases in college tuition. Under the tentative agreement, the State would delay payments to Michigan's 15 public universities, which could save \$165 million.

NOON

LOC/NEWS

5/31/07

:12

Flint teachers have approved a new contract for the next school year. It includes all the benefits of their previous contract, plus a one percent raise. The contract still needs to be ratified by the Board of Education.

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530PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) 1:15

The Merrill School District ended the year with an extra \$100,000. They are spending it on two additional teacher positions, a day car, an alternative ed project and computer updates totaling \$60,000.

5PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) 1:19

The Saginaw Public Schools have announced more layoffs for teachers and support staff, which includes 15 teachers, 10 secretaries, 10 support group educators and 15 custodians. One of the reasons is there are about 600 less students expected to return at the start of the next school year.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) :59

Midland Public School leaders say the district plans to cut 140 full time employees through either retirement, resignations going unfilled, or outsourcing of the custodial and food service departments. No one protested the cuts at the recent meeting, and school Board members are expected to approve the budget on June 25.

530PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) :14

Carrollton Schools will save money, without outsourcing its Maintenance Department. Instead Carrollton employees will take a pay freeze. The move is expected to save the District \$182,000.

5PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) :14

The Linden School Board met last night looking for ways to erase a projected budget deficit of \$684,000. The district may increase the cost of athletic fees, and cut back on administrative costs.

War in Iraq

530PM

NAT/NEWS

4/3/07

1:30

Democrats in Congress pushed through the \$96 billion war spending bill, but included a deadline for troops to come home. President Bush is sticking with his promise of a veto and is warning lawmakers there will be consequences. As the fight over funding continues, there are new signs that the U.S. military is stretched thin. Army units are being sent back to Iraq this summer without giving them a year at home to rest.

NOON

NAT/NEWS

4/8/07

:24

Fallen troops overseas will come back to the U.S. on charter jets and be met with honor guards in white gloves. The change comes after the father of a fallen soldier complained about his son potentially being unloaded like ordinary luggage. A Michigan company based in Ypsilanti, has won the Pentagon contract to bring the fallen soldiers home.

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NOON LOC/NEWS 4/12/07 :23

The Meijer store, in Midland, is paying a special tribute to a fallen soldier who used to work there. The store has set up an area for shoppers and former co-workers to sign a special card for the soldier's family. The tribute will be available until next week, when The soldier's body is brought back home for services.

530PM NAT/NEWS 4/26/07 1:30

The Senate has passed the controversial war funding bill that calls for U.S. troops to start heading home from Iraq in October. However, President Bush has vowed to veto the \$124 billion bill and most Republicans are backing him up. The President's top commander in the war says progress is being made, but that the war is going to get harder before it gets easier.

NOON LOC/NEWS 5/4/07 1:15

Today, a community has come together to show support for a Mid-Michigan hero. Army Private Garrett Knoll of Huron County's Verona Township, was killed last month by a truck bomber near Baghdad. Funeral services are being held today in Bad Axe, With a show of support by those who knew him and his family.

6PM LOC/NEWS 5/16/07 1:15

Right now St. Charles Community Schools are paying tribute to several of their recent graduates who have gone on to serve in the armed forces. School officials are holding a rally to recognize local servicemen currently overseas. Donations are being accepted to help the families of wounded personnel.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/28/07 1:20

Hundreds here in Mid- Michigan came out to the Catholic church in Standish, to honor a local fallen soldier. He is 22-year-old Army Sergeant Justin Wisniewski, who was killed in Baghdad while out searching for three missing American soldiers. At his family's request, more than 150 of the Patriot Guard Riders came out today to pay their respects as well.

11PM NAT/NEWS 6/2/07 1:58

Funded and opened by politicians loyal to radical cleric Moqtada Al Sadr, a school in Iraq focuses specifically on Iraqi children who have lost one or both of their parents. The Arabic teachers double as social workers, and use different teaching methods to match their psychology. The children are being educated in a school which is, by its nature, anti-American.

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WAKEUP

NAT/NEWS

6/22/07(archived)1:41

Going to the market can mean life or death for ordinary Iraqis. Car bombs have killed thousands and with the surge of U.S. forces now complete, the top American commander in Iraq says the first big mission is to stop the slaughter. The U.S. Ambassador says progress has been frustratingly slow.

11PM

LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) 1:30

Soldiers re-enlist in the Army every day. But Private First Class Daniel Weber of Frankenmuth, signed up for another six years the day he was injured. Weber is expected to recover from his injuries, the explosion did leave a scar—a reminder to his parents of how dangerous his job is.

11PM

NAT/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) 2:18

Hundreds of Palestinian refugees took part in a funeral procession in a Northern Lebanon Refugee camp for two men who were shot dead by government soldiers while trying to march home. This was the first major trouble between Palestinians and Lebanese troops since last month.

7. Health Concerns

11PM

LOC/NEWS

4/1/07

:23

Tomorrow is "Smoke-free Genesee County Day". It is to help raise awareness of the dangerous health effects of smoking and second hand smoke. Several restaurants will make their establishments smoke free all day long.

WAKEUP

NAT/NEWS

4/9/07

1:06

Going to the dentist has never been so relaxing. The royal treatment is part of a trend at dental offices around the country. About 50 percent of dentists offer some amenities just to make patients feel a little bit more comfortable and at ease. However, if the dental care is not good, then all of these other things can really just serve as bells and whistles.

6PM

LOC/NEWS

4/16/07

:19

The Senate will consider a bill authorizing the government to negotiate drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries. Participants in Medicare drug plans now rely on their insurers to conduct those negotiations.

6PM

LOC/NEWS

5/9/07

3:40

According to sleepdeprivation.com, nearly 50 percent of American adults lack the sleep they need leading to exhaustion, fatigue, memory loss and changes in mood. When it comes to sleep or sex, couples have to figure out in their relationship what's the

right balance for them.

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NOON LOC/NEWS 5/22/07 1:33

The Saginaw Family Health Center can assist in finding ways to get coverage and low cost drugs for those without health insurance, those who are under insured and those who can't afford prescription drugs.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 5/23/07 :25

The Grand Blanc School District is thinking about going nut-free. In a move to protect students with nut allergies, district officials are considering restricting what is served in the cafeteria. The new regulations could go into effect this fall, if approved by the Board.

NOON LOC/NEWS 6/5/07 :13

In Saginaw County, the Health Department is launching a campaign to expand health insurance coverage to the more than 30,000 uninsured Saginaw County residents. A rally is being held today to kick off the final month of the campaign.

11PM LOC/NEWS 6/15/07 1:15

Senator John Edwards toured a Detroit health center today, proposing a universal health care plan. One of the main components requires insurers to spent at least 85 percent of their premiums on patient care. Senator Edwards was also proposing that the U.S. move to electronic medical recordkeeping, and safe re-importation of portable prescription drugs from Canada.

5PM LOC/NEWS 6/27/07 1:18

Midland Public Schools will have fewer teachers in the fall due to budget cuts, but there will be a \$1 million savings in health care. This adds cushion for next year, but officials say there have been adjustments.

8. Drinking/Drugs

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/3/07 :18

Bay County Sheriff deputies were called to a house in Bangor Township this past weekend, where 16 people were charged with underage drinking. No adults were present, and one youth was ticketed for allowing underage people to drink in his home.

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/5/07 :25

A Michigan doctor is accused of sexually assaulting and dealing drugs to some of his patients. This past year the doctor assaulted four adult patients. Prosecutors say he offered prescription drugs to his accusers and now faces more than a dozen charges.

NOON NAT/NEWS 4/25/07 :21

Women with a drinking problem may show signs differently than men, making their alcohol abuse harder to detect. Researchers found men reported problems like bingeing or getting into fights, while women felt depressed or guilty about their drinking.

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NOON LOC/NEWS 5/2/07 :22

The Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team arrested students at Central Michigan University, for having drugs in dorm rooms at Thorp and Cobb Halls. Officers seized marijuana, scales, paraphernalia, ecstasy pills and cash. Three teens were jailed.

NOON NAT/NEWS 5/7/07 :22

Today the Senate votes on whether to allow lower-priced prescription drugs to be imported from Canada and more than 30 other countries.

6PM NAT/NEWS 5/29/07 :20

Teenagers with extra money may be using it for alcohol. A new study of 15 and 16-year-olds, found that teens with larger allowances were more likely to drink frequently. They were also more likely to binge drink.

NOON LOC/NEWS 5/31/07 :20

Postal officials in Oakland County raided a mail-order drug house. They say prescriptions and other drugs were made in a laboratory in the basement. Hazmat crews were brought in to contain the dangerous chemicals used at the home drug factory.

NOON NAT/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) :15

A new study finds people who had three or more drinks a week showed a 50 percent drop in the risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis. Scientists believe the alcohol suppresses the immune system and slows the inflammatory process behind the condition.

11PM NAT/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:08

Expired drugs, whether prescription or over-the-counter, can be bad for your health. They either degrade and become more harmful, or degrade and become less effective. The moisture in a bathroom, or steam from a kitchen stove can cause drugs to degrade, along with exposure to sunlight or extreme temperature changes.

11PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) :21

Legislation passed by the State House would toughen the laws on alcohol consumption for boat operators. The bill would lower the legal threshold for operating watercraft while intoxicated. The bill now goes to the Senate.

9. Sex Offenders/Predators

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/12/07 1:15

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11PM LOC/NEWS 4/20/07 :22

A Detroit police officers has been suspended for allegedly forcing two couples to perform sex acts while he masturbated outside their car. The officer has not bet been charged with a crime.

6PM LOC/NEWS 4/24/07 :30

Two men face charges for allegedly having sex with under aged girls at a Bay City motel. The men met the girls on line. Both men are being held on \$100,000 bonds.

WEEKEND WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 5/5/07 :32

A Texas man went before a Novi judge for sex charges involving a teen he met on MySpace. The man was arrested inside a motel with a 14-year-old girl, earlier this week. Investigators say the man brainwashed the teen, and she feels she is in love with him. He is being held on a one and a half million dollar bond.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/12/07 :16

A former teacher and soccer coach faces charges for allegedly having phone sex with a 14-year-old Minnesota girl. The man was arraigned in Rochester Hills with bond being set at \$100,000.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:20

An Auburn mother changed the profile on her daughter's posting on a music sharing site called BearShare. BearShare is a software program marketed to teens for downloading free music. The mother found inappropriate remarks and questions posted to her daughter, and changed her profile to read "This is my mom's computer, and if you call or write anything inappropriate, she'll call the police." Mom is now working with the FBI to catch men who solicit underage teens.

5PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:32

Flint police are investigating allegations that a teacher had sexual relations with a teenage student. The woman is a long-term substitute teacher at Flint Northern Academy and has now been placed on administrative leave. The alleged incident happened with a 16-year-old student, who's parents called police after the teen kept receiving text messages on his cell phone.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) 1:15

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10. School/Campus Security/Improvements

11PM LOC/NEWS 4/10/07 :23

The Ithaca School Board spent about \$15,000 on door access control systems and Camera phones for North and South Elementary Schools, and the High School/Middle School complex. The doors require a swipe card instead of keys and can be programmed to lock and unlock at certain times.

WAKEUP LOC/NEWS 4/17/07 :24

The University of Michigan – Flint says it takes security and safety seriously. The campus has several call boxes that immediately put the caller in contact with a campus police officer in case of an emergency. The school's safety procedures can be viewed on their website.

6PM LOC/NEWS 4/25/07 1:15

Some parents are not happy with the layoffs being proposed by Midland officials. The district says falling enrollment and less money from the state is the one-two combination that determined letting 21 teachers go and reducing the duties of 9 other teachers. The school board will make a final decision in mid-May at their next board meeting.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/17/07 :52

Bay City Public Schools will give teachers a raise, even though other districts, like Flint and Midland have been passing out pink slips. The half-percent raise means another year of stability for teachers, who did not receive one last year, according to the president of the Education Association. There will also be no change in teacher insurance benefits.

11PM LOC/NEWS 5/22/07 1:33

Linden school leaders announce there will soon be 28 new cameras installed at Linden High School. The middle school, next door already has the cameras, says the principal of the facility and they have already helped solve situations that have arisen. Students at more schools can expect to be under such surveillance in the future.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived):16

Police are offering a reward for information to the conviction of the vandals who damaged Mt. Pleasant High School. The estimated cost of the damage is more than \$33,000. Vandals let loose hundreds of crickets, sprayed expandable foam and littered food in the halls Monday morning.

6PM LOC/NEWS 6/22/07(archived) :20

Crews are cleaning up at Carrollton High School in Saginaw County. Vandals struck overnight spray painting the south side of the building. No word on the cost of the damage.

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6PM LOC/NEWS

6/22/07(archived) :26

A Flushing Middle School teacher, charged with bugging another teacher's classroom, will report for arraignment. Police say the teacher planted a wireless listening device on the back of a chair in another teacher's classroom when her daughter complained of problems with that teacher.

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The man accused of wandering the halls of local schools looking for money has been sentenced to 18 months in prison. He will also have to repay Lapeer County the \$1,500 t cost to extradite him back from Florida. The man admits to breaking into more than 50 schools in 4 counties.